

MIDLAND AND SOUTH WESTERN JUNCTION RAILWAY?

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In the book, 'Railway Perfins of Great Britain' by Ron Bowman, the only die recorded for the Midland and South Western Junction Railway was MS/WJ 15,10/14,7 5mm. (This was the only one identified too in Tilles — 541)

In Ron Bowman's book we are informed that this die was only found on Q.V. stamps but dates well into E7 reign.

In 1985 I acquired, and reported, an official Midland and South Western Junction Railway Information Post Card dated 5/3/07 with ½d E7 stamp. This had a new die, MSW 15,12,15 6½ mm. This would lead one to believe that this die superseded the MS/WJ on Q.V. stamps.

Now I have come across a picture post card dated 29/6/10 with ½d E7 stamp and postmarked Swindon. The perfin is Tilles 539.1 MSW 11,9,12 5mm. The card was sent by a private individual to a friend outside Bristol, informing him of train times from the local station but saying he will have to change at Bristol.

Is this information too vague to be a possible Midland and South Western Junction Railway die ?

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